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In accordance with their duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicants direct the Examiner's attention to the following references which are listed on the PTO-1449 form attached hereto as **Exhibit A**:

1. Binley, J., et al., (2000) "A Recombinant Human Immunodeficiency Virus Type 1 Envelope Glycoprotein Complex Stabilized By An Intermolecular Disulfide Bond Between The GP 120 and GP 41 Subunits Is An Antigenic Mimic Of The Trimeric Viron-Associated Structure", Journal of Virology, Vol. 74, No. 2, 627-643 (**Exhibit B**);
2. Farzan, M., et al. (1998) "Stabilization Of Human Immunodeficiency Virus Type 1 Envelope Glycoprotein Trimers By Disulfide Bonds Introduced Into The GP 41 Glycoprotein Ectodomain", Journal of Virology, Vol. 72, No. 9, 7620-7625 (**Exhibit C**).

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information disclosure statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this information disclosure statement. Specifically, both items were disclosed in a Supplemental Partial European Search Report issued on March 3, 2003 in connection with European Application No. 00944801.0, filed on June 23, 2000. A copy of this Search Report is attached hereto as **Exhibit D**.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorneys invite the Examiner to telephone at the number provided below.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to make each of these references of record in the present application by initialing and dating a copy of the PTO Form 1449 submitted as Exhibit A and returning the same to applicants' representative with the next Communication concerning this application.

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